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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO **FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2006**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper, and
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.